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ARTICLES TO BE INQVIRED OF WITHIN THE DIOCES OF NORWICH,

in the ordinary visitation of the reverend Father in God, SA-MVEL, Lord Bishop of NOR VV 1 CH.

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The forme of the Oath to be ministred vnto the Churchwardens and Sidemen.

You shall sweare to make diligent inquirie and true prefentment of all and every the offences mentioned in the subsequent Articles in this booke, which be known to you either by notoriety of the fact, confession of any party, or by any publike speech and common same, or by other proofe had & made, without affection of love or hatred to any person; So helpe you God, and the Contents of this Booke.



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OF NORWICH ANNO

TIT. 1. Articles concerning religion, prayer, and Sacraments



Irk, whether be there any person or persons abiding in your parish or resorting thereunto, about the age of krtiene yeares, that wilfully, and obstinately, resule to repaire to their parish Church Chappell or oratorie, byon sabboth daies and Polidaies, and be thereby taken to be Popish or secularly reculants.

2. Item, whether be there any that be knowne to have defended or maintanned any hereticall opinions, contrary to the holy scriptures of God, and first source generall counsells or any of them, and what be those opinions, and who be the authors thereof.

3. Item, whether be there my in your parish, that hath bene of is behemently suspected, to have bene present at any unlawful assemblies, or private conventicles, under colour or pretence of any exercise of religion: or both affirms and maintaine such meetings to be lawfull.

4. Item, whether doth any person within your Parish, despane the forme of common praice, and administration of the Sascraments, rites and ceremonies, set forth and prescribed in the bake of common praice of this realme.

5. Item whether is there any doctrine taught, published, or preached, by any person or persons directly or indirectly against the state eclesiasticall, and lawfull government of the Church of Ongland, and the consecrating of Archbishops and Bishops, and the ordering of Deacons and Pinisters, after such manner and forme as is now vsed and prescribed by his Paicsties lawes within this Realme of England.

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6. Item, whether be there any within your parish, that deny or persuade any to deny, withstand, and impugne the kings Maites authority and supremacie, in causes eclekastical within

this realme.

7. Item, whether doth any person within your parish, aboue the age of 16. yeeres, refuse 02 forbeare thrice in every yeare, at Caster especially, to communicate and receive the blessed Sacrament of the Lords supper: And what reverence doe the people within your Parish vie by outward gestures of their boxies, when they be partakers of that blessed Sacrament: and whether doe they reverently knowle byon their knows when the minister declinereth the same to them.

8. Item, whether doth any person within your Parish deferre the baptisme of his child, longer then butill the next Sabboth day

oz helidav, after the birth thereof.

9. Item, whether hath any child died bnbaptised within your Warish, and by whose default.

10. Item, whether be the parents of any childe to be Baptis

led, admitted to be godfathers og godmothers to the fame.

wilfull securies bozne within your Parist, bene prinately bap, tised by any lay man not in holy orders.

according to the forme of confirmation, prescribed in the boke of common Prayer of this realme, bane admitted to receive the hope

ly communion.

13 Item, whether hath any Popish recusant, after he of the hath beine conformed, repaired to Church and received the blessed factorisment of the Lords supper, once a yeare at the least, in that parish Thurch where he or the doe most brually abide.

14. Item, whether doe any within your parish open Sabboth daies and holy daies, negligently and carelesty repaire to your parish Church, so that halfe or the most part of divine service is ended before they come, and open light occasion depart out of the Church before prayers be done.

717. 2. Articles Concerning the Ministers and Preachers of Gods holy word.

If Iris, whether doth the minister of your parish Church, read the forme of common praier, in such sort as is set forth in the boke of common praier, consirmed by his Paiesties authority, and administer the Sacraments with the offernation of all rites and ceremonies prescribed to be bled in the administration thereof, without adding altering or omitting any part or parcell of the said praiers, or innovating any other matter in the administration of either of the Sacraments.

2. Item, whether is the faid forme of common praier duly and orderly red in your Church, Chappell, or oratorie, byon fabboth daies, holy daies, wednedaies, and fridaies, and byon holy eucs

and Sabboth cues.

3. Item, whether be the words of institution of the Sacrament of the Lords supper, vied by the minister in delivery of the

bread and wine to every communicant.

4. Item, whether be the words in the administration of the sacrament of baptisme, I signe the with the signe of the Crosse, onely vsed, and noe visible or formall crosse made in the forehead of the child so baptized.

5. Item, whether is the facrament of baptisme denied to any

children bozne out of wedlock, and by inhom.

6. Item, whether is the forme of common prayer red byon the 24. of Parch, the fifth of november, and the fifth of August, pearely in your parish Church: and publique thanksgiving bled byon those daies to almighty God, for his Paiesties gratious succession to the royall crowne of this realme, the deliverance of his highnesse, and the whole state from the dammable gunpowder treason, and for his Paiesties preservation from the conspiracy of Gowry.

7. Item, whether is the statute intituled An act for a publique thanksgiving to almightie God, &c. every yeare distinctly red in your parish Church at morning praier, byon the fifth day of Po-

uember,

8. Item, whether both your Pinister alwaies and at every time, both morning and evening, reading divine service, and administring the sacraments, we are the surplice, and both he never

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omit the wearing of the same, at such times of at any of them.

9, Item, whether doth he catechife the youth of his parish by on sundaics and holidaies before evening prayer, sor halfe an howe or more, in the catechisme set forth in the boke of common Prayer, and in none other: And whether doe all the parishioners attend his catechising: And whether doe any of them neglect or refuse to send their children to be catechized by him.

10. Item, whether both your minister once every yeare in your parish church read the boke of canons published Anno Dosmini. 1603. and whether both he visit the sicke as by law is re-

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child birth in such manner as is prescribed in the boke of common praier of this realme: And both he admit any to the performance of that holy action, that doe not come having a decent baile byon their heads Natron like as hath bone accustomed horetofore: And whether both any woman resule to give thanks in that manner after her childbirth.

12. Item, whether is your miniser restant at and bpon his benefice of spirituall promotion, and both he preach enery sabboth day of monthly in his said cure, of read an homily when there is

no fermon there preached.

13. Irem welether is your Pinister agraduate and hath taken any scholasticall degree of bacheloz of Daster of arts, oz batcheloz oz doctoz in timity, either in Cambridge oz Dresozd, and is he a

preacher lawfully licensed, and by whom?

14 Item whether doth your Pinister preach or teach any materr publiquely in his pulpit within his parish Church, which is not agreable to the doctrine of the old and new testament, and which the learned Fathers, and anneceent Bishops have not taken and gathered out of the holy scriptures, for an budoubted truth?

by taking part with one of them that be at variance, and thereby, on preach doctine tending to the breach of christian love and variance, and thereby, and stirring by of schisme and faction amongst his auditors, offensucivand scandalously, and colour his schismatical designements by a secret perswaftue of his desire of peace and unitie in the Church.

16. Item, whether doth your Minister ble alwaics to pray

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for the Kings Paietty, the Prince, Clergie, and Counsell, in the forme of Prayer prescribed in the constitutions published in that behalfe, in the yeare of our Lord 1603.

17 Item, Whether both your Pinister hold any moze Benes fices with cure of soules then one, and by what dispensation doth

he so retaine them?

18 Item, Whether is your Pinister behemently suspected by common boyce, publike same, or credible report, to have obtained his spirituall promotion or benefice with cure of soules by any spmoniacall compactioned by indirectly, or ser any sucre or gaine to have resigned his said Benefice or spirituall promotions

19 Item, Whether doth your Pinister by on light cause not warrantable by law, and byon private displeasure by him consciued against any of his Parishioners, repell and debarre any of

them from the receining of the holy Communion?

20 Item, Whether hath any notozious or knowne fornicator, adulterer, scandalous person, or blasphemer of Gods holy name, beine admitted to receive the holy Communion without publique repentance:

21 Item, Whether doth your Pinister reade publike panyers at mete and convenient houres, and bid holidaies and fasting

dayes:

- 12 Item, takether doth your Pinister eugry fire moneths des nounce in his Parish Church all such as doe perseuere and continue in the sentence of excommunication, not seking to be absoluted: and whether hath hee admitted into the Church any excommunicate person without certificate of his absolution from the Dedinary, or other competent Judge, under their authentical seale?
- 23 Item, Whether doth your DiniCer diligently labour and endeauour to reclaime the Popili Reculants in his Parily from their errours, if there be any such there-abiding?

24 Item, Whether is your Hinister familier and connersant with Popish Recusants, or a fauourer of them, and thereby tas

kennot to be found and fincere in Religion?

Thurch byon the Sabboth day next befoze his administration of the Sacrament of the Lozds Supper, give knowledge of it to all his Parishioners, that such as intend to communicate may prepare themselves so the receiving of that blessed Sacrament.

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26. Item, Whether is your Pinister Audious in the holy Scriptures, and abstaineth from mechanical trades, or labour, not besitting his function, and from gaming, wearing, and drankenuese, or such notorious crimes:

27. Item, Is there any in your Parish who (having ben admitted but holy Deders, either Deacon or Priest) doth relinguish and forfake his calling, and liveth in the course of his life

as a Lave man?

28. Item, whether hath any Laye man (not in holy Deders) read publique peagers in your Church, se churched any women, of buried any dead person within your parish:

29. Item, whether hath your Diniffer buried any ercommus

nicate person, not absolued from that censure:

30. Item, Whether hath your Minister with any other persons within your Parish, bled to make in any private house, or other place, there to conferre and consult together, how to impeach or deprace the boke of Common Prayer, or the doctrine or discipline of the Church of England?

31. Item, Whether hath any person being merely ignozant in the holy Scriptures, not able to render a reason of his saith in Latine, not having a special guift of preaching, beine from a manual trade or artificer, admitted to holy orders, and to admit

nifer the Bacraments, and preach the word of God:

32 Item, Whether is there any opposition among st the preachers bled publikely in matters of faith and doctrine in their formons preached: And what Pinisters admitted to holy orders be within your Parish, and allowed Preachers, not having any passocial charge or cure committed to them:

33 Item, Whether doth your Piniker of Carate in Rogation wake, goe in perambulation of the circuite of the Parilly, be fing thanksgiving to God for his blestings according to law?

TIT. 3. Articles concerning Lecturers.

First, Whether doth any person reade any publike Leaure, or expound the holy Scriptures in your Church, Chappell, or Oratorie, he being not in holy orders, and lawfully licensed sor a publique Preacher according to the lawes of this Realmer

2 Item. Withether both every fuch Lecturer befoze his Bereman, or exposition of the Scriptures, reade publique Prayers in

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his surplice, according to the forme prescribed in the boke of common prayer of this realme, without omission of any part thereof.

3 Item, whether doth your faid lecturer before his fermons, ble any other forme of prayer for the whole state of this realme, then that which is prescribed in the constitutions eclesiasticall, published and consirmed by his Paiesties authority, Anno Domini. 1603.

4 Item, whether both your said Lecturer maintaine any doctrine directly contrary or repugnant to the articles of christian faith and religion, published and ratesed, Anno Domini 1562.

5 Item, whether is any lecturer admitted to preach in your Church, that is not conformable to the discipline and governer ment eclesiasticall within the church of England, but schismatically and phantastically affected to novelties and innovations.

Item, whether both your lecturer or fole preacher, twice at the leaft, enery yeare in his owne person, read both morning and evening prayer, two severall sundaies in the parish church where he preacheth, and at those times weare the surplice; and twice every yeare administer the Sacraments, without amission of any rites or ceremonies, that are prescribed in the bake of common prayer of this realme to be bled at the administration thereof:

TIT. 4. Articles concerning Matrimony.

First, whether hath any matrimonic bene contracted, and for lemnized within your parish, betwirt any persons being in consanguinity or affinity within the leuitical degrees, and by the word of God prohibited.

2 Item, whether hath any matrimony bane solemnized, or rather prophaned, secretly in any private house within your parish:

3 Item, whether bath the bucle married his niece, by consanguinity, or affinitie; or hath any person successively maried two listers: and who be they that have contraced such incessions mariages.

4. Item, whether hath any person two wives now living, or any woman two husbands: and who are so voiced, noted, and reported to be offenders in this behalfe.

5. Item, whether be there any persons coupled together, in matrimone,

matrimony, that line a part without lawfull biuozce?

6. Item, whether hath any person lawfully divosced, beine coupled in matrimony with any other man or woman, during the life of the other person so divosced?

7. Item, whether have any matrimonies beine solemnized bestwirt any persons being under the age of rri. yeares without their parents or governors consent first had and obtained:

8 Item, whether hath any person by license or without, beine maried in your Church, neither of them at that time dwelling in

vour parish:

Item, whether have any Popish recusants or their children beine married within your parish; and in what sort were those matrimonies solemnised, when, and by whom?

TIT. 5. Articles concerning the parishioners and others of the Laiety.

Iff, whether be there any person or persons within your parish, who in your hearing or to your knowledge, have at any time depraced by word or diede, the forme of common prayer, administration of the Sacraments of Baptisme and the Lords Supper?

2 Item, whether have any dwelling within your parith reviled and abused the Piniffers of Gods holy wood by contumes

lious words, and difgraced their lawfull mariages.

3 Item, whether have any person or persons disorderly behanded themselves, in the Church or Churchegard, by brawling,

quarelling or fighting?

4 Item, whether be there any abiding within your parish, or resorting thereunto as an bluall parishioner thereof, that resule to receive the Dacrament of the Lords supper administred by an buppeaching minister, and who be they that so over

5 Item, whether doe any in your parith prophane the fabboth day by bulawfull games, drinking or tippling in the time of comman praver or fermon, or by doing the ordinary worker of their

bocations and trades:

6 Item, whether is there any within your parish, that denieth the church of England by law established under the kings most excellent Paiesty to be a true and apostolical church.

7 Item, whether doe any of the inhabitants within your paris.

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rith, entertain in their howles any loiourners or common greats (other then his or her father or mother wanting other habitation or sufficient maintenance, or the ward of any such person, or any person that thall be committed by authority to the custody of any of them) that be Popish recusants, and resule to frequent divine service, or receive the holy communion a what be their names?

8 Item, how long have the faid Popish recusants obstinately abstained, either from hearing divine service red, or receiving the blessed sacrament of the Lords supper, administred in the pa-

rif Church?

Item, whether is there due reverence and humble submission bled within your church of chappell, in the time of divine service as by the roiti. constitution eclesistical of this realme Anno Domini, 1603, is prescribed; whether each one in the church of chappell doe apply and order himselfe there in time of divine service, as by the latter part of the same constitution is most commendably eniouned; namely that no man doe cover his head in the time of divine service, except he have some instrmity; that all doe knowled by on their knows, when the consession and other prayers are read; stand by at the reading of the beleife, and bow their bodies reverently when Iesus shall be named?

to the fermon only, and not to heare divine service; And be there any that donot reverently Kand by, when Gloria Patri &c. is read,

and at the reading of the Gofpell:

ra Item, whether be there any within your parity, that by walking or talking, disquiet your minister in reading of praiers, or in his fermon?

12 Item, Whether be there any in your parish, that doe onely come once a month to their parish church, to heare divine prayers red, enever receive the sacrament of the Lords supper-

- of his owne minister, repaire to any other Church in time of common prayer to heare the same red, and to receive the sacrament; and what be there names that be so affected, and the names of the ministers of other churches, that admit those that be not their own parishioners to prayers and sacraments by him or them read and administred.
 - 14. Item, is there any in your parish that be commonly knowne

knowne or reputed to be blasphemers of Gods holy name, drunkerds, adulterers, sornicators, incessious persons, or concealers or harbourers of sornicators or adulterers: Haue any been detered for any such notorious crimes, or of the common & publique same of them, and never personned any penance, nor given satisfaction to the congregation for the said effences?

15 Item, what persons testate have died within your Parish fince the first of February 1619. and whether be their last wills and Destaments proved, and who be executors of the same?

16 Item, what persons have died intestate fince the time before expressed, and who doe administer the gods of the persons so
deceased?

17 Item, whether have any person of persons being dulie rated in equall proportion, so the repairing of your parish Church, of so provision of bread and wine, so the administration of the blessed Sacrament of the Lords Supper, or so any other necessary ornaments & btensis belonging to your Church, that have or doe resule to paye that rate, or to give satisfaction to the Churchwardens in that behalfe, and who bee they that have ofsended herein?

TIT. 6. Articles concerning the Church and Church-yard.

First, Whether have you in your Church, Chappell or Dratorie, the Soke of Common Prayer by the Kings Maichtie
confirmed, a Bible of the largest volume, and the last translation, lewels Apologie of the last edition, with the rest of his Morks
adiopned, the Bokes of Homilies, Erasmus paraphrase, and the
Boke for speciall thanksgiving with the Statute in that behalfe,
for the gracious deliverance of the whole state of this Realme,
from the Gunpowder treason; and have you the Boke of Casnons ecclessasticall, published Anno Dom. 1603. and all other
bokes by Law or Custome behally to bee had within your said
Thurches?

2 Item, whether are the Ten Commandements religiously hung by in a faire Table within your Parish Church, and the

Table of the degras of Patrimony prohibited?

3 Item, whether have you in your Parich Church one or two Surplifes, and a Pode faced with Taffaty or Sattin, if your Pinister

Minister be a Graduate, a Master of Arts, a Batchelog og Doctog in Divinity?

4 Item, whether have you a decent seat so, your Binister to reade publike prayers in, a seat nigh but him so, his Clarke, and a seat for the women that come to give thankes after their Childebirth, a comely Pulpit, with a Cushion and a Cloth for it, a decent Communion Dable, with a Carpet of broad cloth, and a faire linnen cloth, a Communion cup of Silver, and a sagon of silver or Pewter, to be vsed at the Communion?

5. Item. whether have you a Beare for the carriage of dead bodies to their buriall, a convenient and decent Font with a cover kanding in the accustomed place, & a Register boke in parchement, wherein be duly entred the names of all such as bee bapti-

fed, married, and buried ?

6 Item, whether have you one Chea, with this lockes and kepes, wherein the Kegister boke, and other brensils belonging to your Church be duely kept: And whether have you one boke in Parchment of Paper, wherin be entred the names of all strangers that come to preach within your Parish, and their licenses therein recorded?

7 Item, whether is your Parith Church, Chappell og Dato, ry in god and fufficient reparations, not prophanco, comely and

decently kept and the feates therein well maintained ?

8 Item, whether be there any Pues lately built within your parish Thurch, without the authority, consent and approbation of the Drdinary, and who have so built them?

9 Item, whether have any Pues beene taken by which were formerly let in any other Church, and bee transferred to your Church, and there let by, and by whom, and by what authority.

- there be a competent number of people, to the number of ten or about of welling and abiding) prophaned and converted to any irreligious bie, by making of it a Barne, Stable, or Granary, the Parinioners thereof not knowen to refort to any other Church, Chappell, or Aratorie, by lawfull assignation of the Principle.
- ri Item, whether be there in your Stæple the vsuall and and cient number of Bells still remaining and hanging; & by whom have any Bells bene taken out of your Stæple, and to what vse have they bene converted:

12 Item, whether have there beene kept in your Church any Playes. Feats, Banquets, Church-ales, drinkings, or any other prophane blages by laying of Drums or Guns in your Church or Steple, and discharging them there, and by whose commandement and appointment?

repaired by a comely wall of Stone or Pale: and whether have you a grate at the entrance into the said Church pard, to keep

out Sivine, and other noisome beatts :

14 Item, whether be not the Granes and Ponuments of the dead broken, and roted by by Swine in your faid Church yard: and whether be not notiome draines and priviles made and suffered within the said Church yard, and bubluall dozes and pakages made into the same?

TIT. 7 Articles concerning Parsonage and Vicaridge-houses.

Park, Whether be the Houses, Soifices, and Buildings belonging to your Parsonage of Aicaridge well and sufficients
ly repaired; and whether be any of them ruinated, wasted, and
dilapidated, and by whose default?

2 Item, whether is the Chancell of your Parich Church ruis

nated, and by whole default is it fo decaied:

TIT. 8. Articles concerning Legacies and Bequests given to godly vses.

Tand Testament of any person deceased, out of his moveable gods, so the reliefe of the poze, or to the reparations of the Church, or to either of the Universities, Cambridge, or Oxford, or to any Schole of Learning or Colledge, so the increase of verstue and knowledge, or to any other charitable vse; what be those bequests, and by whom were they given.

2 Item, what Legacies given to the vies afozefaid, have bin detained by the executor of any person deceased; and who be they

that doe so detaine them:

TIT. 9. Articles concerning Churchwardens.

First, Whether be the Church-wardens of your Parish chosen by the Pinister and Parishioners, according to the 89. Carnon:

non; and whether hath any taken opon him to be Church-war-

2 Item, whether have the Church-wardens bene diligent in the execution of their office, to see decency and comelinesse kept in the Church, in the time of dinine service, and at the administra-

tion of the Sacraments ?

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3 Item, whether have any Church-wardens detained any of the Church gwds in their hands, and not made a iulk account of

what they have received and expended ?

4 Item, whether have the Church wardens at every Communion provided sufficient Bread and Wine for the Communicants, and set the same byon the Communion Table, in the presence of the Pinister, before he beginne the administration of the said Sacrament?

TIT. 10. Articles concerning Schoole-masters, Physicions and Chyrurgions.

FIrst, Is there any Scholemaster within your Parish that teascheth publikely or prinately, not licensed by the Bishop of the Dioceste, or his Chancellour, and that so teacheth and commeth not to Church to heare divine service, by on daies appointed for reading of the same, and receive the Communion thrice in the yeare at the least: Dr doth hee teach any Papists or Sectaries thildren, that come not to Church in time of publike prayer read:

2 Item, whether doth he instruct his Schollers in the Cates chisme set forth in the Boke of Common Prayer of this Realme,

and inno other ?

3 Item, whether doth any practice Phyticke or Chyrurgerie, being not lawfully licensed thereunto, or created Doctor of Physicke, in either of the Universities of this Kealme?

4 Item, what ignorant persons have lest their manuell trades, and taken byon them to profess Physicke or Chyrurgerie, and who be they that so abuse the people?

TIT. 11. Articles concerning Eclesiasticall Officers.

FIrst, What copporall punishment iniogned for any offence of eclesiastical cognizance bath beine commuted by any ecclesiastical Judge within this dioces into a pecuniary mula, or sum of money, and how was the same money imployed?

2 Icm, Whether is there not a table of fixs in enery of the

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courts eclesiasticall within this dioces hung by in some publique place in the court & Registry, and no other fees taken & received by any ecclesiasticall Judge moze oz greater then in the said table are expressed.

3 Item, Whether doth any ecclesiasticall Judge speed any ius diciall aces privately himselfe, and not in the presence of some

publique notary oz aduary?

4 Item, What presentments have beine made for any offence cognizable punishable in the ecclesiatical courts within this dioces, have beine suppressed by any indge or register, by them with drawne and not effectually proceeded in, according to the lawes ecclesiatical of this realme.

5 Item, whether doe you know any person iniopned by indicial decrée of sentence in court to doe publique penance so his sinne, of excommunicate so not being the same, that doth still by conniuencie of saudur of the Judge, of Register of that court, where the said penance was informed, still continue winked at &

bnrefozmed:

Item, What numbers of apparitors be there to your knowledge within the Archideaconry wherein you live; and whether have any of them under colour expetence of their office and authority committed unto them, cited or cummoned any person unlawfully; and wrengfully troubled him, or for the concealing of any offence or sinne, and for the anoiding of punishment in the offenders, have taken any rewards or guift, or otherwise delt corruptly, and who be they that have so offended:

7 Lastly whether have you without affection of love or hatred to any person, presented and detected all offenders mentioned in the precedent articles, knowne to be delinquents either in truth, or by their owne confession, or by lawfull profe, or by common same, and report: And whether doe you know any other matter of ecclesiasticall cognizance, worthy the presenting in your sudges

ment, which is not haretofoze by you prefented?

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